

In conjunction with Eastern Plains RC&D, the Denver Regional Office of the U.S. Census Bureau and the Census and Economic Information Center (CEIC) in the Montana Department of Commerce will present the following workshop:

Using Census Data for Funding Proposals

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 22, 2006 1:30pm – 4:30pm

Location: Sidney, Montana, Sidney Public Library, 121 3rd Ave NW

Presenters: Jerry O'Donnell, Public Information Officer, Denver Regional Office, U.S. Census Bureau and Pam Harris, Bureau Chief, Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce

Training Objective: This half-day, hands-on computer workshop is designed to provide participants with general information about the use of census data in Federal funds distribution. Participants will be exposed to the importance of census data, the difference between allocation and eligibility, the various data bases and statistical measures used in Federal funding, and some data limitations for Federal assistance programs. The workshop also includes an introduction to the Census and Economic Information Center (CEIC) in the Montana Department of Commerce, the primary resource for Montana census data. Instruction in accessing CEIC's web site will be covered.

Agenda:

- * Purpose of Workshop and Overview
- * Difference between Allocation and Eligibility
- * Federal Grants requiring Census Data
- * Basic Census Concepts
- * Statistical Measures
- * Overview of Census Data Bases
- * Search Strategies
- * Local Data Assistance-Census and Economic Information Center (<http://ceic.mt.gov>)
- * Conclusion

Registration: There is no cost for the workshop, but registration is required. Space is limited so register early. Registration closes **Thursday, March 16th**. Register online at <http://ceic.mt.gov/>. If you do not have internet access to register online, please contact Pam Harris at 841-2739 or paharris@mt.gov.

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